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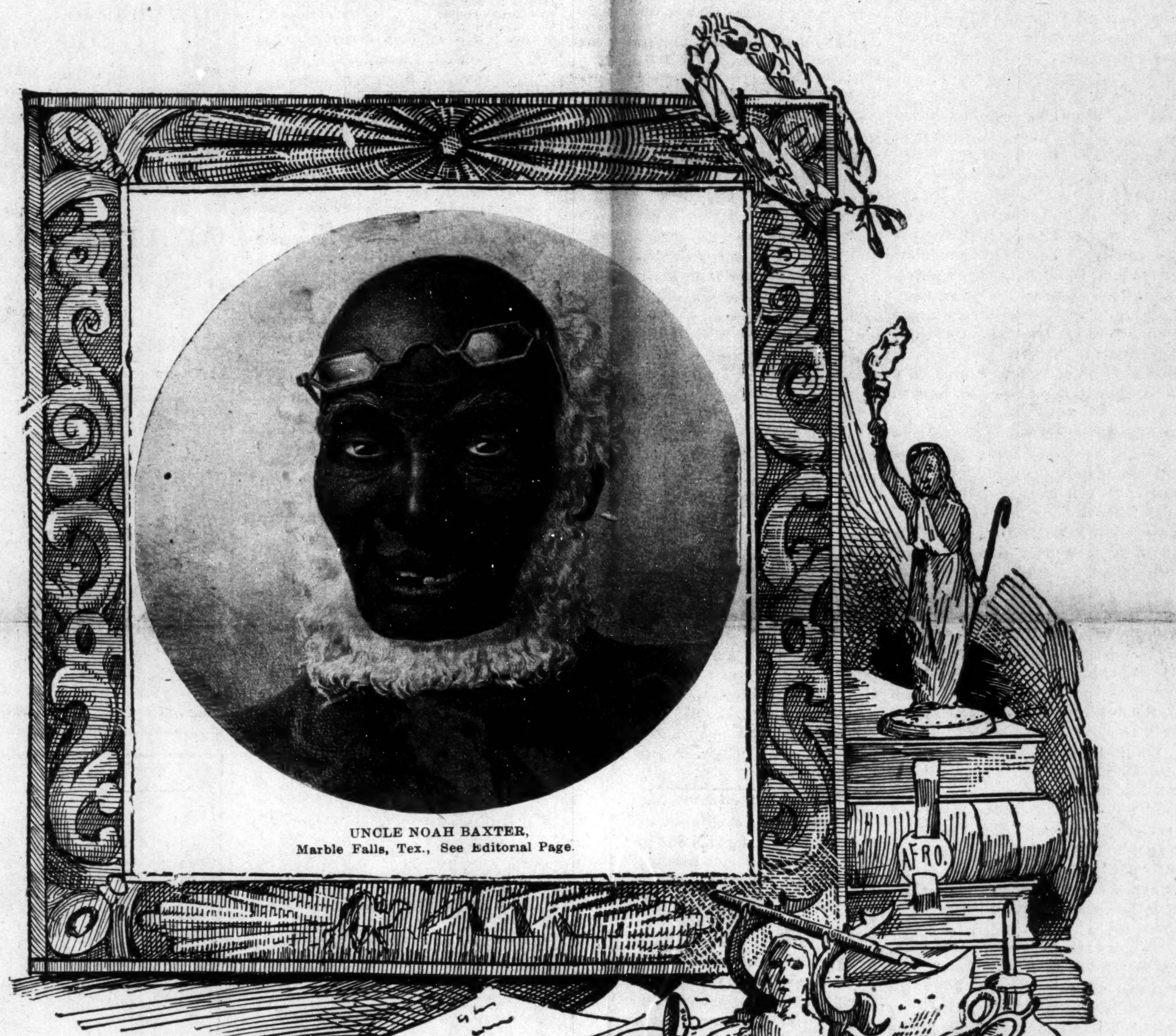

UNCLE NOAH BAXTER,
Marble Falls, Tex., See Editorial Page.

STATUS OF THE A. M. E.

CHURCH—DOES THE MACHINERY RUN SMOOTHLY?

Aggressive Ambition is Undoing the Work of Years—The Remedy to be Applied—Too Much Sentiment—Those who Excel.

Some years ago Bishop Turner created a great excitement by saying that the A. M. E. church is in the throes of death." His utterance was so extreme that but few even thought that there was the slightest grounds for his alarm. There was a stir of excitement, a few replies from calmer men and then the church settled down to the conviction that it had been made the victim of a false and unwarranted alarm. Since then, Drs. Embry, Chappelle, Johnson, the Rev. Mr. Flipper and others have given expression to opinions and sentiments which indicated that there were forces at work within the church which needed more attention. The Bishop's have also from time to time let drop expressions which indicate that they, too, saw danger ahead.

Recent events go to show that all of these men were right. Bishop Turner had seen the same signs but exaggerated their import. But Bishop Turner is the oldest and most experienced leader among us and no word spoken by him can be wisely cast aside without some consideration. The Episcopal address lately published is a calm and well tempered document yet it also reveals a recognition of the signs of danger when it says, "shall we suffer disintegration to begin its deadly work?" and then follows this up by a plea in behalf of Payne Theological Seminary that should almost move the dead and that should not fail to arouse the living. There is no wisdom in attempting to disguise the truth, the time has come when the A. M. E. church, the greatest and strongest organization of Negroes on earth, must be wide awake and on the watch for breakers. When the church covered only a few northern states and embraced but few members there were no grave problems of administration, the problem then related to propagation. Bishop Quinn became the leader and after him have followed a host of mighty men, Turner, Cain, Brown, Gaines, Ward, Jennifer and hundreds of others most of whom are with us no more. In those brave and simple days of unselfish heroism there were no fat offices and charges and no great honors to tempt the cupidity and arouse the ambitions of selfish and unscrupulous men. Those who would excel had to take their lives in their hands, undergo hardships, overcome great difficulties and if they lived to reach conference found ample reward in being pointed out as great workers.

Bishop Brown at New Orleans was a hero, Dr. Turner and Elder Gaines in Georgia and South Carolina were heroes. So I might go on and give a list of immortal men, who in the days of old did grand work. But this is not to be a eulogy. These men and their co-laborers did solve the problem of that day, they did propagate the church. The second era began when AfricanMethodism had outgrown its provincial beginning and had become a great organization extending over the United States. The problems changed character. The task then became that of internal developement, of giving form and function to organize forces. To bind into one body the vast multitudes scattered throughout the country, to centralize authority, to secure the harmonious action of deverse energies, in short to evolve a strong and healthy organization became the work of the second era. Leaders for this period were not lacking. The old heroes who survived proved thouroughly capable of adapting themselves to the new work. Dr. Turner laid ahold of the Publication Department, Dr. Brown, of the missionary work, Bishop Payne of the Institutions of Learning, Bishops Ward and Waymen, of selecting recruits and keeping up the quality of the ministerial ranks. Each of these men was broad and co-operated with his fellows as well as lead off along some special line. Elder Gaines founded Morris Brown and thus each one did something big and lasting. What is the result? Today we have a well organized church, The work has been classified and divided among specially created departments.

Walk about Zion now, tell her towers, mark her bulwarks, behold her organization. The second era has ended gloriously but we now reach the crucial test. The ship is built, is furnished, is provisioned, is launched, the task before us is to sail her safely." To administer the affairs of this great church, to direct her organized forces in such a way as to utilize each without conflict with the others, to do the work that such a church must do in order to exercise each organ and maintain health, this is a task so complicated as to require the highest ability and the greatest skill. Who is sufficient for these things? Let us be candid, let us be sincere. Honest minded men who are able to see beyond their own province are forced to admit that our machinery does not run smoothly.

We raise about $90,000 a year to support the general church. This is disbursed partly by the conferences and partly by a department. Yet there are seasons of the year when salaries come slowly, there are numbers of appropriations made by the general conferences that are not paid, there are numbers of schools that are crying for help and Payne Seminary, the most important of all' is said to be dying. Not long ago Bishop Handy published the statement that he found the Baltimore conference over $600,00 in debt. The men of Florida came near letting Edward Waters College die. Here in the East we have lost several church properties, in a great many important cities we are dying out because we need new buildings in better locations. Some of our great churches that were courageous and enterprising enough to meet the demands of the times and secure proper edifices and fitting locations were forced to make big debts and are now about to perish because the proper men can not be or at least are not found to manage them.

These are all facts as seen in the glare of the noon-day sun. They are not seen in the halo of sun set or the glory of sun rise, but are looked at when old Sol blazes down upon them at high noon. Besides all of this there is springing up narrow sectional prejudices. At the general conference a caucas, based upon sectional lines, was held. Since general conference Rev. Mr. Flipper and others have made public declarations full of sectional prejudices.

Still more, within various conference there are not only mutterings, but there are also covert acts of rebellion. And to put on the climax there are now men who do not scruple to openly use their official position as the means of reaching the bishopric. Ambition is becoming bold, aggressive, open, unscrupulous. Even in some instances, pastors are transferred from conferences in order to head them off or take them to general conferences accordingly as they stand with the embryonic combinations. How long can all of this continue to fester within our connectional body without metastasis? The first district is still sound and whole, so are many other districts, but the eye is not out of reach of the toe, the whole body will suffer soon or late unless the poison is removed. There is no use of any man or combination of men making moves on the board and deluding themselves with the vain thought that somebody does not penetrate the scheme in view. Now to the gist of the whole matter. The time has come when we must act. Policy must be abandoned, definite plans, definite ends and clearly defined principles must be adopted. We are no longer dealing with an ignorant people. We must be open and frank as daylight. Merit must be the test, results must be the standard.

Success must be the scales. Men who fail, be they friend or foe, must get out of the way; men who fill the bill, be they friend or foe, must be placed in positions of usefulness. Sentiment has no place in administration of business, we must succeed. The man who hears the mutterings of discontent, who sees the signs of rebellion and who howls "calamity" is a coward. There are before us no difficulties which we cannot overcome with ease. if we are resolute, if we can keep our cannon hid and only fire when we have proper aim. To route the enemies of progress, however, is but part of the task, we must also build up the waste places and venture forth to new ground.

We should not be alarmed at the rebellion in Florida or the threatened rebellions in Georgia or elsewhere. These events, if wisely studied, simply become signs of healthy reaction. They show that discipline is being maintained. When you grind down a diamond you must lose some of it. When you administer church discipline closely you are sure to trim of the fringes. Men who dare to rebel against proper administration, deserve no sympathy, Men who have a just cause for rebellion need none. If we give men a just cause, they should fight us and if they fight us, they will win. We must do right and fear nothing on earth or in hell. We must give no man a chance to rebel and arm him with justice on his side.

We can attack and destroy wrong doers and need have no fear, we can denounce and oppose wrong and sleep with easy mind but if we do wrong or uphold wrong God and man will be against us To do right requires more than a knowledge of ethics. What is right is determined by the premises. We must know the facts in each particular case, must appreciate their relations and value. We must use the geography more. South, North, East, West, Africa and the Islands must be considered as but parts of one organic whole. Men who are broader in sympathy and views than a mere province are the only kind of men to place in positions requiring broad men. Narrow men are dangerous, are more dangerous than many realize. Whether the A. M. E. Church can harmonize her various parts, whether she can collect and utilize her scattered energies, in short, whether or not she can hold together and be a power in the world or whether she will break of her own weight and float as scattered wreckage upon the waters of the Twentieth Century is a question for the present to determine. With men like Grant, Derrick, Embry, Tanner, Arnett and others at the front preaching and teaching the new gospel we need not fear. Let us rally to them from eveywhere. Let us stand by the Episcopal Address, let us magnify our Bishops, one and all and strengthen their hands and yet let us never wrong them, ourselves or our church by surrendering a single principle for which they and we should stand. Let us all try to be candid, sincere and true men and then we shall not fail to be true African Methodists.

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What They Are Doing.

Santa Fe, New Mex., Special.

We can boast of some very energetic race people in New Mexico. I desire to mention some of them and what they are doing. Ex-Lieut. H. O. Flipper is at present holding a very important position here as translator to the United States Land Court, and is held in high esteem by all of the judges and attorneys of the court. Geo. Hicks Emanuel is at present the assistant journal clerk in the present legislature. All of the members and the chief clerk speak very highly of him. C. C. Crockett chairman of the Afro-American League for New Mexico is also one of our leaders, and at present is a member of the Republican Central Committee in the City of Alberquerque. W. J. Slaughter, the leading tonsorial artist of Santa Fe, is a prominent candidate for receiver of public monies, and has the endorsement of our delegate, Mr Catron, and many of the prominent white Republicans of the territory, and the Afro-American League. Mr. Vaughn is manager of the Palace Hotel. There are about 10,000 colored people in New Mexico, and we want more. New Mexico has 3,000,000 acres of public land. We have five colored churches and our schools are par excellence.

Six Interesting Lectures.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special.

Six lectures have recently been delivered by the teachers before the city schools on the following subjects: "Student's Duty to School," "Duty to Each Other," "Dignity at Church," "Duty to Society," "Dignity on the Streets," and "Dignity at Home." Prof. W. T. Bibb, B. D., of Bessemer, Ala., will deliver the annual address May 24th before the city schools. Prof. Bibb is editor of the Alabama Citizen, and is, in every sense of the term, a true race man. His subject will be, "Truth about the Negro in a Nutshell." D. W. Austin's little boy was run over a few days ago by a horse and slightly injured. Miss E. T. Brown will spend the summer in Nashville, Tenn. Miss H. H. Scoggins will reside in Birmingham. Both of these ladies are esteemed teachers in the city schools. Prof. Trenholm, the principal, will travel some before spending the summer at Calera. I. James is still sick. Mr. Gilbert died a few days ago. His funeral was attended by Rev. W. E. Northcross at the Baptist church. Rev. T. A. Burkhalter, pastor C. M. E. church, handles the Gospel Trumpet.

THE WORLD AT LARGE.

EDWARD ELMORE BROCK'S COMMENTS ON THE TOPICS

Of the Day From His Point of View—About the Women in Business—The Masculine Woman who Would Vote—Petty Jealousies.

Which way the subject theme may gang,
Let chance or time determine;
Perhaps it may turn out a song,
Or probably a sermon.

I have long noticed with patience and with disfavor the agitation of three questions that have been hashed up daily by the newspapers and various other periodicals on the "Woman in Business," "The Masculine Woman," and the "Woman who would like to Vote;" and although much has been said in their favor, yet, as a benedict I can only interest myself in these questions from a negative standpoint, and while I offer herein a few suggestions anent them, I do not wish by any means to be considered as endeavoring to bring about a controversy, or as attempting to make the world believe that my views are a correct solution of these problems.

Looking over the broad horizon of woman's eagerness to be on equality and in many instances to usurp the place of man, it has been largely demonstrated, that it is simply the stepping from the sublime to the ridiculous. Let us take first as an illustration the woman who attempts to dress masculine. Is there anything more ridiculous? With their boiled shirt, stiff, high collar, four-in-hand tie, cutaway coat and peacock strut; they look smart, they are smart and they electrify the men, but how many men to-day would want wives of this description. Send out a petition and I doubt whether there would be enough signatures to fill two inches of space.

The influx of women in the commercial world, such as bookkeepers, clerks, type-writers, telegraphers, etc., marks a worthy endeavor toward woman's development and the placing of them upon an equal plane with the sterner sex in helping on the world's advancement I like to see it thus, but I do not want them in their mad rush for the filthy lucre to entirely overlook other duties. While in many cases women are forced to enter the commercial world from sheer poverty and the endeavor to support an invalid mother, father, sister or brother, still, in the majority of cases I believe it is done (taking many cases seen on the cars and ferry boats as criterions) for the sake of being able to dress well, and I am sure they make quite a success at this, for the wives and daughters of their employers do not dress better, and in many cases as well.

Once a woman enters the business office I think she loses that sweet simplicity which she bore before and which should be her constant and greatest characteristic. The hurry-scurry of her employers after the filthy lucre, also makes her more grave. She dreams of wealth and its possibilities; she longs to marry well and in so doing, she becomes high-strung, proud and conceited, and as she waits and dreams, in steps the golden age and silver threads. Alas! she has lived beyond her good looks and becomes a snappish old maid. Oh, if they could realize something of the sweet hours of motherhood, spent even in an unpretentious home, what a world of genuine comfort they would enjoy. Now I do not wish by any means to be understood as thinking less of them because they are self-supporting; far be it from me, for I love independence in women more than anything else, and I think the majority of men think more of women who are not ashamed to work for a living, but I am looking at the situation from a more philosophical point of view. We know the reason that the business man employs a woman in his office—to lessen his office expense. He gets her to do the same work for just half and sometimes less than half what he would have to pay a man clerk.

Man is the toiler, the bread-winner and the protector. Upon his broad, brawny shoulders a great responsibility rests. In taking the place that has been, or could be filled by him, do you realize that you are taking the bread out of not only one mouth, but perhaps out of half a dozen or more? His is a secondary consideration, but there are others dependent upon him—she who guards over his household and the little ones that call him father. If he is not already married, who knows but this opening may not be the paving of your future home and happiness? I believe that:

"The eternal fitness of things"

is that every good woman of marriageable age should be married and settled in some good man's home, for sayeth the poet—

"What is love! 'tis not hereafter;
Present mirth hath present laughter.
What to come is still unsure;
In delay there lies no plenty,
Then come kiss me sweet and twenty,
Youth's a stuff will not endure."

And now, in regards to those women wh are anxious to vote, and with all due respect to the names of the late Mrs. Lucy Stone, to whose death the whole world has paid homage, Mrs. Matilda Joslyn Gage, Harriet Beecher-Stowe, Francis E. Williard, Susan B. Anthony, Lady Henry Somerset and other notables—all of them types of noble womanhood, who have and are using all of their energy to the furtherance of the interests of their sex in the cause of enfranchisement. While I revere them for the work they are doing in the interest of their sex in other directions, I cannot agree with them in their endeavors, when they say that women should vote, for if we have peanut politics now and political side-splitting

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MAY GOD GIVE AIM TO SHOOT

THE ENEMY ON THE SPOT! ARE THE STARTLING WORDS

Uttered by Bishop Turner—Another View Given on These Broad Statements That May Prove More Effectual—Stay in America!

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Under date of March 17th an associate press dispatch was telegraphed from Atlanta, Ga., and published in a number of the metropolitan papers of the north. It was regarded as highly sensational and has been the subject of many interviews and of editorials in one of our leading dailies. The telegram was taken from an editorial in the March number of "The Voice of Missions" edited by Bishop Henry M. Turner, Senior Bishop of the A. M. E. Church, and reads in part as follaws;

"The fiendish lynching of John M. Johnson and Archibald Joiner upon mere suspicion in Louisiana, while the African Methodist Bishops were meeting in the city of New Orleans, only a few miles from the scene of blood and death, was most damnable. Let every Negro in this country who has a spark of manhood in him supply his house with one, two or three guns, or with a seven or sixteen shooter, and I advise him to keep them loaded and ready for immediate use, and when his domicile is invaded by bloodthirsty lynchers, or any mob, day or night, Sabbath or week day, turn loose your missiles of death and blow the fiendish invaders into a thousand giblets. We have had it in our power to say this for over seven years, but on account of Episcopal status we hesitated to express ourselves, thus fearing it might meet with the disapproval of the house of Bishops, but their approval or disapproval has done nothing to stay the fiendish murderers who stalk abroad and are exterminating my race. So we have said it, and hereafter we shall preach it, speak it, talk it and write it. Again, we say, get guns, Negroes! Get guns, and may God give you good aim when you shoot."

The above created quite a sensation here in Chicago. The leading colored men and women of the city were besieged by reporters for an expression of their views in regard to it. There is no doubt but that this utterance of Bishop Turner's will exercise very great influence. Bishop Turner is one of the extraordinary men of his generation, a man of great and varied talents. He has the heart of a lion and a dauntless spirit. Nature has cast him in a heroic mould. He looks like some character of the heroic age who had wandered into our modern time. If Bishop Turner stands by the words he has written and carries out his threat to in the future preach, lecture and write these sentences he assumes an awful responsibility. The barbarous and inhuman treatment which the Negro has suffered and still suffers is enough to drive men to desperation. Nevertheless we feel that our leaders cannot afford to advise or counsel desperate methods. We have no hesitation in saying that in our judgment Bishop Turner's advice is very dangerous. Bishop Turner's bible tells him, "He that useth the sword shall perish by the sword," and if the Negroes of this land attempt to repel force with force it would end in nothing short of their annihilation. Persons who are strangers to the situation often ask why the Negroes suffer violence; why do they not kill and slay and burn the towns and cities of the South, but Bishop Turner is not a stranger to the situation and he knows, therefore, that the Negro can afford to perform no acts which would lead to such an awful consummation. The Negro has shown too little spirit, too little courage. The American people despise nothing so much as they do a coward' and if the Negro showed more courage he would undoubtedly gain the respect of his fellow citizens and would be less subject to outrage and lawless attack.

All must agree with Bishop Turner that we should protect our homes, we should protect and defend them with our lives, and every man who is attacked by a mob should sell his life as dearly as possible. As the fate of death awaits him, he should take along with him as many would be lynchers as possible, but most of the men who are lynched have no such opportunity. First, the Negro is accused of some crime; he is then taken in custody by the officers of the law; it is at this stage that the mob makes its appearance. He is taken by the mob from the hands of the officers of the law and is utterly defenceless. Now, as this is the usual program of the lynching bee where would Bishop Turner's advice lead us? We cannot afford to advise that men accused of crime should open fire upon the officers of the law who go armed with warrants for their arrest, nor on the other hand can we afford to arm ourselves and organize a mob of Negroes to put down a mob of white men who were seeking to lynch a Negro accused of crime, for the very moment that such a thing was done or even rumored, the militia would be called out, the governor would be requested to send troops, and if the Negroes rose in such strength that the state authorities could not cope with them the government would be called upon for troops and would be compelled to respond. I would not do Bishop Turner the injustice of putting a misconstruction upon what he has said. He has only advised that we should be in position to defend our homes and the sacredness and honor of our fireside in case of lawless attack, and all must agree that this is right. On the face of it no one can object but everybody knows to what terrible results our Bishop's advice to Negroes to arm themselves with guns and revolvers would lead. The sentiment against lynching and lawlessness is growing. The president of the United States has said that lynching must not be tolerated in this country. These brave words will have their good effect. The lynchers will not be able to exterminate the race. On this score the Bishop need have no fear, but if it is published abroad that the homes of southern Negroes are to be turned into arsenals, then do we invite extermination. This is a peace-loving, law-abiding, nation founded upon a constitutional government, and as President McKinley has said in his splendid inaugural, "Courts and not mobs must rule in this country." We shall find the arm of the law. even though it seems important and powerless, when invoked in our defense more powerful and all prevailing in the end, than our poor arms of flesh even though they wield guns and revolvers. It took the sentiment of this country more than two hundred years to crystalize on the slavery question, it may take years to crystalize to the extent that justice will be rendered in every part of our common country to Negroes, but we must seek to mold public sentiment, we must agitate, we must continue even after repeated failures to invoke the aid of the law.

The recent infamous decision of the Supreme Court of the United States affirming the constitutionality of the laws compelling Negroes to ride in separate or Jim Crow cars awakened no storm of protest from the Negroes of the North. It was received with apathy, and aside from the terrible denunciation and fiery protests of Bishop Turner against that infamous decision very little was said by leading Negroes of the country. The storm soon blew over. In fact, Bishop Turner excepted, Judge Albion Tourgee, a white man, protested against it more forcibly, and continues so to protest, than any Negro in the country. The Negro holds in his hands means of defence more deadly to persecution and outrage than bullets. When our women are insulted by villainous clerks in stores our patronage should he withdrawn; when we are discriminated against by common carriers our influence should be used against them and our patronage given to those who would give us equal treatment. The men that give us work, that open up avenues of employment to our boys and girls should have our united support. The churches of Georgia, over which Bishop Turner presides, the schools and colleges which he has under his care, and the missionary department of our church, of which he is the head, will in the end be more powerful to prevail against the outrage and violence of lawless men than will his advice to turn the homes of our people into armed camps.

Booker T. Washington has come to be the savior and redeemer of thousands of our people throughout the South. and his new confession of faith enunciated a few weeks ago at tne Tuskegee Conference is what the race needs for its defence more than guns. namely: "There must be ownership of the soil as the foundation of all progress." We discourage all extravagance advise all to live on less than they earn that they may have homes and money. We advise preparation to withstand competition that we may continue to share in an increasing degree the common and skilled labor of the South. We urge that each community keep its school open six months or more in the year. We should make the immoral among the leaders or in the ranks feel the force of our condemnation. We should recognize the mutual dependence of the white and black races of the South and pledge ourselves to do all in our power to remove obstacles to our mutual progress." This is the kind of gospel that we need. Books are more powerful than bullets, and churches are stronger bulwarks of defense than arsenals.

Bishop Turner is a peerless man. Few men of his generation have worked harder, given more and done more for the help of his people than he, and his words which have served as a text for this article were wrung out of the sufferings of his heart, suffering in sympathy for the afflictions of his people. We pray God to give us more spirit, more courage, let our courage be exhibited in self defence when necessary, but not only against mobs, but against political, social, moral and religious injustice and assault. We are not going to Africa, we are going to school and to church, nor shall we appeal to arms but to the constitution and the laws where in the end we shall secure justice, liberty and equality and stand upon a foundation as solid and lasting as the foundations of the republic.

R. C. RANSON,
Bethel A. M. E. Church,
Chicago, Ill.

To The Blue Grass.

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GLAD HE IS LEFT TO TELL

THE TALE OF HIS MIRACULOUS ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

A Michigan Man Offers to send his Discovery Free—Claims to be a Benefactor to Weakened Mankind —Free Cure for Men.

A citizen of Marshall, Mich., believes he has solved the problem as to whether life is worth the struggle. In his own particular case there is no doubt but what he is glad to be alive, and the secret of it he agrees to send free to any man who will take the trouble to write for it. From his statement it appears that for many years he suffered with extreme nervousness brought on by circumstances that happened before reaching an age when men are supposed to know what they are doing and to measure the consequence thereof.

Like many others, he tried the various remedies offered by specialists for the treatment of weakness peculiar to men and it was this experience that drove him to a little study and research for his own benefit. He asserts that his 10 years suffering, both mentally and physically, was turned to unbounded joy in a single night through a rare combination of medicines that literally made him young again It is the prescription of this discovery that his enthusiasm that leads him to offer free to any man, young or old, who feels that his animation or the fire of ambition has left him and needs something that will not only brace him up and enable him to be prepared for any undertaking which may present itself, but will restore the parts to their original size and vigor. There is no question but what in his individual case the results were just as described and it seems quite probable that any man who believes himself to be weak, may profit by sending for this free prescription. Many people wonder how he can afford to send this prescription free, but it costs him but little to do so and he feels a philantropic interest in giving weak men an opportunity to cure themselves. A request to G. B. Wright, music dealer, box 1206. Marshall, Mich., for his free prescription will be promptly and privately complied with.

Aiding the Sufferers.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

Miss Josephine Patrick is quite sick at Mrs. Goodloe's, 371 Beale street. Rev. P. J. Jackson of the Metropolitan Baptist church, started a revival and has been meeting with success. Wm. McKinney was buried on the 14th by the Odd Fellows. Dennis Hirches and Jerry Lane, two of the oldest citizens of Beale Street Baptist church, were buried last week, Rev. H. E. Clemons, officiating. Mrs. Ada Green, a member of the Daughters of Tabernacle, was buried at Elmwood cemetery last Sunday. A. J. Taylor and Geo. Phillips returned from Cairo, Ill., last week. The different organizations and the good people, both white and black of this city, have contributed liberally to the Relief Fund for the flood sufferers. The two children of A. J. Orr are quite sick. Rev. P. J. Jackson has moved to his new home on Walker avenue. Jas. E. Dickson has improved his home on Walnut street. Miss Fannie I. Stephenson is teaching school at Rick, Miss. St. Peters Commandry Knights Templars together with the Courts and Chapters of this city, have out their committee for Easter Sunday and Monday. Mrs. A Webb is much improved in health, Mrs. Haywood Moore is confined to her bed.

What a Trained Nurse Must Be.

"It takes an intelligent, refined woman with a strong will and good sound sense to make a good nurse," the superintendent of a large training school writes in the April Ladies' Home Journal. "She must be able to command the respect of her patient. She must be sympathetic, orderly, dignified and incapable of betraying alarm before her patient. She must be ready and quick to act in any emergency, but slow to assume authority that belongs to her superiors. She must be of a cheerful, hopeful nature. With these attributes, joined to the practical knowledge of arranging a sick room, preparing the invalid's bed, removing of bandages, the giving of medicines (as well as understanding their properties), a knowledge of cooking and a desire to do her duty regardless of her surroundings or of any adverse criticism, she would be a model nurse. There is, of course, some theoretical training through text books and lectures to be gone through, but without the other qualifications no woman can become a successful nurse.

NOAH BAXTER A GREAT MAN.

His Doctrine Sound and Tenable—Requests his Portrait—Schools on the Eve of Closing—Notes.

Macon, Miss., Special.

Uncle Noah Baxter's letters are read in this section of our state with a great deal of interest. His doctrine is sound and tenable. Most of the public schools in this county is on the eve of closing, having enjoyed an uninturrupted session of five months. There are but few schools left over to be taught during the summer. Superintendent of Education, Prof. S. M. Thomas, favors the winter sessions, as it seems to give more satisfaction to the farmers than the summer sessions. The agent of The Freeman, Prof. Jas. E. Washington, who is also principal of the New Hope school, is a stirring energetic young man, and is doing much good with The Freeman. Rev. J. B. Ledbetter also puts in some good words sideways for what he considers the greatest weekly production which comes from the press. Prof. S. J. Hunter, who is a faithful champion of industrial education, has secured ten young men to be sent to Tuskegee Industrial school next fall. Rev. S. H. Nevils, who has charge of the Macon circuit, is doing some good work among his four churches, with the Rev. H. R. Revels as presiding elder. The farmers in this section are hopeful of a prosperous crop year. Among the most energetic land owners are W. S. Ferris, T. P. Harris, Brister Smith and James Dickerson. Among the most influential renters are Bose Danzler, William Martin, Sam Washington, Flander Williams, Jerry Ward, Lem Taylor and Eli Moore. Brother Jackson Rupert, who is an old pioneer, says please print Noah Baxter's picture. He believes Uncle Noah to be the greatest Negro living

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DR. MAJORS TAKES THE AGGRESSIVE AND READS JOHNSON

And Graham a Letter From Philadelphia—By the Side of Majors the Two Appear as Lilliputians—Fitz Could Never Hit Harder.

Its no use to remain silent—our medicine reaches the spot every time, and now since the garment stained jack-legs who parade their oratorical girations on "saving grace" for money, good looking women and popularity, and show by their unwillingness to be known in their true light, that they are totally void of christianity, forbearance, morals or religious zeal, and guilty of more than is known about them, and will not let up, and even call upon me to give names. I shall deal with individuals, and show Dr. Graham how far off he is when he attempts to stereotype a few worn out frazzled phrases, and neither shall he be guilty of dubbing me cowardly. In a manner he has said to me, "Lay on Mac Duff," and I say, "Damned be he who first cries hold, enough!" When he reads these lines he will, after careful consideration of his past conduct, conclude that De Cameron of Boccaccia or that Mdme. De Maupin were mild stories told at random, as compared to his own wicked life. The hint was not strong enough for the man; a smell of the medicine did not determine its drastic quality. We even hesitated in prescribing at all, tor in fact we did not consider him in our class, and so diminutive in his makeup, that the fry was too small and not worth the fire.

I have often been told that this man was void of discretion, and now since he has begun to relate a brief history of himself it would be contrary to reason for him to give simply his political side. It appears that during all this time he has smiled at "none of the sisters," nor even had a whispered conversation with an elocutionary wonder. He has started to tell his story, now let us have it all—don't make the matter one-sided. When you oreach of heaven with all its glory, its beatific visions and its golden streets, don't you give the sinners their hell, brimstone and paint the fury of the demon chained? Come, Dr. Graham, give us the side that has a few women in it. If you won't I shall do it for you. You see you are getting your foot into it. You struck at me first, and now when you find yourself getting what Fitz gave Jim, you find nothing that suits your villianous soul so much as "cowardly," "elephant and crocodile." I shal l show you to be a snake in the grass. If you don't shut up, I shall have to land on you sure enough.

Among a number of letters concerning the pedigrees and well known accusations brought against yourself and Dr. Honey-Tongued Johnson, I have selected the very mildest one for use in this article, and I shall dub it "The Parting Shot." Have you ever been shot at reader? I mean have you ever been accused of everything that a human soul could be inflicted with for telling the truth?

The Krupp gun department of the A. M. E. church has been under full fire for several weeks, but something is wrong. It seems that their David misses his Goliath. The trouble is not in the powder, the bravery is sadly in need. I suspect too that God has but very little confidence in Dr. Honey-Tongued Johnson, and the Western headquarters I suspect savors somewhat of incapacity, uncharitableness and injustice. They malign me, but they lie; my wife and I are one; she is not suing me nor I her; our objects, ends and aims are one. They demonstrate their utter contemptibleness and stoop beneath the dignity of manliness to meddle when they mention my family affairs. Now if family affairs must be brought into this controversy I want my antagonists to answer for the reading world, Dr. Graham and Dr. Johnson, the parties mentioned in this letter which I will give here. I keep original for future reference:

NO. 1: THE PARTING SHOT.

"PHILADELPHIA, PA., Mar. 16, '97.

"DR. M. A. MAJORS:—DEAR SIR—I have read the unkind attack which Dr. Johnson has made upon you and yours. I have also read your articles and believe your purpose is to create a higher moral sentiment. It is fair that you should know something about the reputation of Johnson. No doubt you have heard of the female school teacher who lives at his house. In spite of the efforts of Johnson's wife to get rid of her, and how, that once, when Mrs. Johnson drove her away at night, she went to Rev. Yocum's, who the next day brought her back to Johnson's and influenced Mrs. Johnson to let her stay by saying 'that it was best to get rid of her quietly to save talk.' This was over a year ago and the woman is still there, and the talk about she and Johnson is still common, as they are now often seen together both in Philadelphia and various other towns where she goes with him, and there are a great many things about Johnson in general life that you can find out by inquiring. I see that you know about Dr. Graham and the grief that killed his poor wife. As to his neglect of that other poor girl and her and his child, no doubt you know also.

"I am yours for truth and right,

"A. LAYMAN."

It seems that crow is too fine for the delectation of the above mentioned jack-leg whangdoodle oratorical girators, and we now suggest the next strongest dish, buzzard. We have never eaten any ourselves, but to a casual bystander this dish would appear decent to two such preachers. The bishops ought to be "powerful careful" in making appointments.

The doctor accuses me of getting aid by quoting his frankness in admitting to my charges. Then would it not be out of place to answer any question he asked me? When he admits to my charges, that's all there is to it. He thinks he gets by easy when he gives a descriptive history of his numerous appointments, and the female heart-rending shrieks that went up in the air when the good bishop saw fit to move him to Indianapolis. I wonder if Dr. Graham knows that the devil was once in heaven. He is not there now; he fell once and hurt himself. God found out how big a devil he was getting to be in the disguise of an angel and pushed him off the cliff.

This leads us to philosophize again. Good men are often turned down; bad men often get good appointments; this rule holds good in all lands among all people and does not only apply to Negroes, but must be generally accepted by Negroes, because Negroes are people, it must apply to ministers, because Negroes are ministers. Therefore it is possible that Doctor Graham has been appointed by mistake, and promoted on the account of the exalted qualities and noble spirit of a generous fair man such as I know Bishop Arnett to be. All men make mistakes. No man is infalliable. Bishop Arnett is a man, and therefore can make mistakes. Dr. Graham complains because in our lecture of March 6 we omitted some logic, and now since we have given him a good slice he should shut up and stop crying. From his love of the "crocodile and elephant," one would think he was now making a close study of Stelle's zoology. For his benefit and we hope it will help him to soar in his "savin' grace" eloquence, we submit some buzzard; we tried crow on him, but the meat was too tame; its a little rank, doctor but you can close your eyes on it, depending solely on imagination, its digesting qualities you'll find to be as good as chicken and then it will help you to soar until you get so sore that the sisters in the amen corner will say with one accord, "chicken or buzzard—one or 'tother is good for any preacher." In your zoological ramblings you will come across where it says that a buzzard when he soars trots around until he gets up steam to soar with. You will do well to remember that is the main point. For should you fail in this, "elephants, nor crocodiles," nor any other species of the animal tribe can be depended on to supply you logic about religion and morality.

I have heard it remarked by sagacious men that they believed in the bible from "kiver to kiver," but they never could understand how a preacher of the gospel could eat a rooster. So, Dr. Graham, if you have been guilty of this delectation of the feathered tribe, it won't go so very hard with you, should you be forced to swallow a male buzzard.

M. A. MAJORS, M. D.

Decatur, Ill.

Successful Revival Meeting.

Lafayette, Ind., Special.

The revival meetings at the A. M. E. church of the past two weeks were largely attended and much interest manifested. Charles Stafford, of Covington, spent Sunday in the city. Mrs. A. Edwards, who has been quite ill, is able to be out again. Rev. A. S. Jackson, pastor of Second Baptist church, has returned from Crawfordsville, where he assisted Rev. Cromwell in revival meetings. Rev. Brown who assisted Rev. Harper of the A. M. E. church in Revival meetings, has returned to his home in Ft. Wayne. Several promises were made to the colored McKinley club during the campaign; the club now asks to have the promises fulfilled. Two members have been appointed: Thos. Stokes, as city policeman, and Clarence Marshall for mail carrier. They are bright young men. Mrs. M. McDaniel is still on the sick list.

A Benefit Social.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

The Mistle Toe club met last Monday evening and practiced for their literary meeting with Prof. W. R. McKanvis the piano and vocal instructor for the club. Vice President, Grace Taylor a solo; assistent secretary. Aron Sanders recitation; Thomas Oglesby a solo; Dudley Oglesby president, addressed the club; song by the club; quartet by the young ladies of the club. This club's intention is to have but sixteen members and will give its first party in Easter week. A social was given at Miss Blanch Wright's Tuesday the 16 for the benefit ot Provident Hospital. A social was given at Miss Abbey Triggs house for the benefit of Unity Home of the aged women. A large audience attended Bethel church last Sunday. Many were turned away. The singing of the choir was quite good. Rev. Ransom is having much success. The report that Miss Grace Taylor had poisoned herself over a love affair is untrue. The Armour Institute glee, mandolin, guitar, banjo club will give one of their musicals at Bethel church on Easter Monday the 19th of April under the auspices of the trustees. Mr. Charles Terry left Thursday for Salt Lake City to join the Twenty-fifth Infantry U. S. Army.

THE FLOODS IN THE DELTA

POLITICAL ASPIRANTS KEPT WAITING—BISHOP TURNER'S ARTICLE

In the Voice of Mission Reprinted—Better Negro Leaders Wanted Too Afraid of Death—Let Uncle Noah Baxter Alone.

The prevailing high waters in "The father of waters," flooding the delta district of this state has caused a great scare down here, and flat boats and dug outs are in demand. Back waters so completely surrounded New Hope A.M. E. church of this place, that Rev. E. M. Argyle its pastor, had to borrow Norman's Chapel to hold one service a day, until the water falls, as no hall or lodge room in town would hold the vast congregation. The impending inundation threatens to work sad havoc here with the farmers in this neck of the woods, thousands of acres of cotton land will be flooded so long that planting until very late will be next to impossible; thus retarding an early crop and causing a great shedding in the late crop ultimately resulting in a half matured crop. It is remarkable how some of our would-be astronomers seek to blend the new study of "cloudology" with a study of the solar system.

They inadvertently forget that clouds are a little lower than the stars, and that the signs etc., are of the prophetic age. But we give over to the old sister that wanted to be a June-bug, and when questioned why she desired to be thus transformed into this innocent little insect. She replied: "Cos I'de fly way to heben in the morning." The questioner replied: Oh, no; sister if you start to heben as er June-bug, a pecker-wood would catcher you 'fo you got hal' way." If the floods do come we shall pray to be transformed into a kind of a winged being that we may fly away to higher terra firma.

The State Central Committee of this state met this past week and made its recommendation to the "powers that be," for the federal offices in this state. It is reported, however, that wherever a Negro aspirant was contested by a white man, that the settlement of the case was left over to the executive committee, a little strange that the white contests could be settled and the Negroes had to go over, isn't it?

The Post Dispatch of St. Louis, Mo., reprints an excerpt from one of Bishop Turner's articles in the Voice of Missions in which that brave man admonishes the Negroes of the South to buy guns and sell their lives dearly to the bloody lynchers of this blood-bathed Southland. The Post Dispatch made no editorial comment upon the article. But in the caption of the artice there appeared a sinister fling, the words read thus, "A bloodthirsty Bishop," But so convincing was the argument of Bishop Turner and so reasonable and manly the admiration that a rejoinder on the part of the Post Dispatch could not be presented. Two dozen Negroes like Bishop Turner, though they may be styled as cranks, and foolhardy individuals, would do more to stop lynching than any other class of men. The fault with the Negro leaders of the South is that they are too afraid of going to heaven; they have too firm a hold on life, and are actually afraid to die. They forget that white men are as afraid of death as they are. We need more Turners at least a dozen and a half more, our present leaders are too afraid of death. Let them step aside and more Bishop Turners come to the front and denounce the outrages heaped upon the Negroes of the South.

The district conference of the Helena District A. M. E. church has been postponed until April 21st prox. Prof. J. T. Cross and W. H Gilstrop, two students of pedagogy and engaged in the art of teaching the "young idea to shoot," have decided to become readers of The Freeman. They can't afford to be behind when the "bear wagon passes" so they crawled in with the "bear man" to take a ride. "Swamp Angel" "B. Square" and R. W. Thompson are valuable writers to The Freeman, and their articles are eagerly sought after, old "Uncle Noah Baxter" is all right to, if he does live at "Marble Falls" and we enter our solemn protest to "B. Square" Prof. R. W. Thompson or any other writer disturbing his literary equilibrium; let him alone gents. More anon.

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Alexandria, La., Special.

Your representative called on the Hon. E. J. Barrett, ex-postmaster of this place, for information as to his candidacy for the postoffice at Alexandria. Mr. Barrett very kindly furnished us with the following information: "He said that there were three candidates in the field to his knowledge, and that he was one." He showed your representative two petitions bearing endorsement of some of the leading business men and Republicans of this city, such men as the Hon. Robert P. Hunter, candidate for U. S. District attorney of the fourth district, and many others of like reputation. Mr. Barrett showed us letters and documents of evidence of his support to President McKinley as far back as his first term as Governor of Ohio, where he contributed money to the campaign fund for the success of his election to the governorship, and has forwarded money to the campaign fund to carry Louisiana for Mr. McKinley. Your representative showed him The Freeman and asked him what he thought of it. He said that he was surprised to know that such a paper was in existence in the Negro race. After reading the article headed "The Freeman is the dictionary of the Negro race," he immediately presented $1.50 for one year's subscription, which you will please find enclosed. The talk in this section of the country is highly in favor of the candidacy of Hon. Geo. L. Knox for the Recordership of Deeds of the District of Columbia, as token of appreciation for the faithful labor for the present administration and the steady, strong appeal to his people for their uplifting in life.

Prosperous School.

Prairie View, Tex., Special.

Prairie View State Normal, under the principalship of Prof. E. L. Blackshear, is in a prosperous condition. The school is located on the Houston and Texas Central R. R., six miles from Hempstead. The location could not have been better chosen, and the educational advantages that now presents itself to those who are earnestly seeking are greatly encouraging, and the pains that are taken in the intellectual training of its students are a marked evidence of rapid progress. The mechanical and agricultural department that is connected with this school is a sufficient warrant to every young man that there is a chance to wholly prepare himself to enter in either one of the above mentioned arenas. Prairie View was also visited recently by a committee of representatives from the State Legislature. After having closely inspected the buildings and different departments they assembled in the chapel and here we were rarely treated with eloquent speeches, among which were a good many inspiring remarks. Among these distinguished guests was Mr. R L. Smith, a gentleman that is widely known as an educator as well as a representative. The visit of the legislative committee seems to mean a very encouraging appropriation for Prairie View.

Personal Mention.

Montreal, Can., Special.

Rev. John Brown, of the Desriver Street Mission, is able to resume his work again. Rev. S. Benson, of the Mountain Street Methodist church, preached to a good congregation Sunday morning. His sermon was entertaining from beginning to end. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barber have returned after several weeks visit in the Western states. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Porter are rejoicing over a new arrival at their home. It is a fine boy. Wm. D. Allen is out again after a few weeks illness. Drs. Pettifoot and Francis, of Bishop college, are making great progress in their studies. Charles Smith is on the sick list. Mrs. Eva Porter and little daughter are very ill at their home on Berry street. Mrs Frankie Randolph is out again. Darces Reynolds left last week for Asheville, N. C., for his health. Mrs. James Harris will change her residence from St. Antonia A, to No. 405 St. Antonio C. S. Clark and Wm. Allen expect to attend the Nashville Exposition in May. Mrs. Sarah Woods will change her name ere spring.

Memoriam—Socials and Personal.

Clarinda, Ia., Special.

Ethel May Cartmill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Cartmill, died March 13, '97, in Clarinda, Ia. She was born in Keokuk, Ia., Oct. 8, '93, age 4 years, 5 months and 5 days.

There is no death. The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore;
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown
They shine for evermore.

Born unto that undying life,
They leave us but to come again;
She leaves our heart all desolate—
He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers.

And Ethel near us, though unseen,
The dear immortal spirits tread;
For all the boundless universe
Is life—there are no dead.

Little Ethel leaves father, mother, sister, grandmother and two aunts to mourn her death. Miss Annie Aderson, of Keokuk, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Katie Cartmill. John Lewis is on the sick list. There was a social given at the Second Baptist church Thursday night and was well attended by everybody. There was also a social given at the A. M. E. church Friday night and was well attended. The A. M. E. church held a fair Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights of last week.

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SHADOWY SPECULATIONS.

Shadowy speculations, says the Houston Daily Herald, an influential Caucasian journal of Houston, Tex., in speaking of Louis Williams, colored, of that city, charged with the murder of Capt. Ike Baker, a prominent citizen. From what can be gleaned at this distance, there seems to have been a motive for getting rid of Captain Baker by persons who were much nearer his equal than Lewis Williams. The Herald, which stands for fair play of a Texan flavor, says:

> The people of Houston and Harris county have long been demanding that some of the bloody handed murderers that have infested this town be punished. But they have not lost their sense of justice and do not desire the death of a man secured by what Texas manhood considers questionable evidence.

The prosecution has been successful in convicting Williams on the account of a dream. The Herald is right in attempting to discredit the work of conviction on the dream theory. If the dream cannot set up a clew to be followed and substantiated, it is of no consequence. The dream theory in itself is a farce, and Texas smiles at the absurdity. But now comes the strangest of all—a lady moving in excellent circles—in fact so excellent that her name is not published, has alleged mediumistic ability, and through this channel she has added more proof to the dream theory. But the effect of this additional proof is far different from what was expected. The tale of clairvoyancy it is said supports the dream theory except in minor details. The attempt to justify a conviction by the aid of the stars and other occult theories, supplemented by dreams, all at the dawn of the 20th century, would be ludicrous but for the fact that a man's life is in jeopardy. To the sanity of the Houston, Tex., people, they are discrediting the Black art theory as too impalpable. It is well enough to speculate about the realm of the unseen, as the world has always done; but with all of the speculation even down to the renown priestess, Blavatsky, there remains no tangible evidences of a line of communication set up between these two zones. It is far fetched to set up such theories when a life is at stake. It is to be hoped that Texas' love of fair play will not be color blind in this instance, and allow this trembling Negro to go to the gallows because a dream was dreamed. Was this the age of Joseph it might be well enough, but the coming of Christ dispensed with the miraculous intervention in the affairs of men. If blood must be paid, it should not be paid at the behest of necromancy tales of astrologers and soothsayers. We are not apprised as to the merits of this case, but on general principles these unrecognized sciences ought to be banished from the realm of court houses. It is contrary to the spirit of the laws of any state and if once tolerated it will become a precednce that will be greatly regretted. The witch stories of two centuries ago in this country should be fearful reminders of the extent credulous minds may go on theories. We are not prepared to read these people a lecture, but in the fair light of reason there should be something more tangible than these airy delusions when a man's life is the object. The sins of others should not be saddled on Lewis Williams if they be the sins of others. If he is guilty he should pay the penalty, but the spirit of the law is to allow ninety-nine go scott free rather than punish one unjustly. If these vague border line theories furnish the only evidence against Williams he is entitled to his freedom.

HEROISM REWARDED.

Governor Jones, of Arkansas, on the behalf of the Gazette Publishing company, of Little Rock, has presented gold medals to several colored men for their heroic work in rescuing a number of persons from watery graves. The presentation took place in the Capital Theater, in Little Rock. Prof. Booker, one of the speakers, after commenting on the heroism of these colored men, said:

> It was left to the state of Georgia in its selection of Booker T. Washington, and in that building set apart to my race at the Atlanta Exposition, to signal the fact that the South was the first of the country to give world wide reputation to the civil and social progress of the Negroes by collecting and exhibiting the results of their industrial and intellectual achievements. * * * But in this special case to-day, it is left to Arkansas, to the city of Little Rock and to its leading daily papers, to go further with the recognition which the South leads in giving, and declare that neither the color of a man's skin, nor race, nor previous condition of servitude is in any way a bar to public recognition for saving human life.

The Freeman feels proud that it is able to give the public the facts above stated. The parting of the ways is at hand when such recognition can be shown in a state supposed to be so hide bound as Arkansas. We maintain that the Negroes are the most grateful people on earth. It will take very much to obliterate the deep impression that this leading "white" journal, Governor Jones and others have made on the Negroes. The millenium draweth nigh.

WORKING ON THE LEVEES

The Mississippi river is threatening the country on its borders in the South. All classes of citizens have been doing what they can to strengthen the levees to hold back the flood of waters. It is said that at Gunnison, Miss., colored men were offered $1 a day to assist in the work of strengthing the banks, but that they refused to work. This a very strange story. It is to be hoped that the charges are baseless, or that there were very grave extenuating circumstances. Although we can conceive of nothing at this time that would call for opposition to a work upon which so much depended. Again, it is said that in Memphis, Tenn., colored men were forced at the muzzle of Winchester rifles to do the same work, but the majority complied cheerfully. We are amazed at the lack of the sense of duty displayed if these reports are true. These tendencies in such criticle times will counteract the work of years.

PROSPERITY THERE.

Vidalia, La., sends The Freeman greeting. A letter from that point speaks strongly of The Freeman endeavors at making the people better mentally and morally. Unexampled prosperity is claimed, good crops of cotton have been raised and the money saved or invested in homes. The Mississippi is threatening, so runs the letter, but they have an abiding faith in Him who doeth all things well. There's but one white Republican in town and no black Democrats. They are especially thankful for that latter state of affairs. They rejoice that they again live under a Republican administration.

THE Negro building of the Tennessee Centennial had its corner stone laying amid much enthusiasm. Prof. W. H. Council made a noble speech and all went well. The trouble about the matter seems to have been imaginary.

UNCLE NOAH BAXTER.

We take great pleasure in introducing you to Uncle Noah Baxter, of Marble Falls, Tex, whose very benevolent face adorns our front page. The unique writing of this very well preserved specimen of ye olden times is in keeping with the quaint expression of his physiognomy. Uncle Noah's chief forte is his great discernment and ability to prick the bubbles of conceit as he terms it. He is largely endowed with that late and lastly discovered sense—the sixth sense, better known as common sense. Not many of this line of old aristocratic Negroes are preserved to us. In the antebellum days they would have ranked as the Uncle Tom's of Mrs. Stowe's famous production. It is very likely they would have been prime favorites with first class masters as the St. Clairs, but utterly detestable in the sight of such masters as the Legrees, owing to the finish and polish of their manners, which contrasted so remarkably, and to the detriment of the Legrees. At any rate, The Freeman boasts of resurrecting this old character, who is now an attache. His homely philosophy may not be so elegantly put, but it has the old time ring. He has no favorites, subscribing largely to the philosophy of Solomon, spare the rod, spoil the child. After all it depends upon who gives the chastisement. One can very well afford to accept his twittings, owing to his antiqueness and ultra-respectability. It always took a Nestor who fought with the grand children of his contemporaries to ring peace out of Greecian confusion. The fine fettle and high mettle of equals in years will not permit what is the inheritance of age taken by consent. Uncle Noah has rounded out his three score years and ten, but notwithstanding the sere and yellow leaf of age, he gives promise of doing much more good in holding up the mirror for the reflection of ourselves as others see us.

CYRUS FIELDS ADAMS, of Chicago, a well known newspaper man is out for the Bolivian Mission. Mr. Adams is well fitted for the position to which he

CYRUS FIELD ADAMS.

aspires. He is a scholar of repute and somewhat of linguist. Hon. C. H. J. Taylor came near securing the Bolivian Mission under Cleveland.

REPRESENTATIVE DICKINSON, of the Michigan legislature, is battling nobly for an anti-lynching law for that state. He feels that the necessity in his state is not so apparent, but he desires the law as an object lesson for the South. It is said that Dickinson created a dramatic scene when, on being mistreated by attempts to amend his bill, thereby shearing it of its vitality, he depicted the inhuman conduct shown his race in the South. His measure will go through without much curtailment.

IT should not be said that the Black arts should be called on to hang a man in any state. Texas is going to hang Lewis Williams, a Negro, because he was dreamed guilty of murder in addition to a clairvoyant's tale. Esoteric principles that remain cognizant to the cult only is a flimsy pretext for taking a man's life. The white people of tha state are discrediting the whole scheme. May their numbers increase.

MR. GRANT S. NEAL, the representative of The Freeman in the South speaks of the reception accorded him by Governor Murphy J. Foster of Louisiana. The Governor spoke well of The Freeman. In the course of his remarks he said that The Freeman is indeed an up-to-date newspaper. He wished Mr. Neal success on his trip through the South. His name was added to the rapidly swelling list of subscribers.

WHAT part will the Negro play in the new administration? This question is making him lose sleep a'nights.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, of Tuskegee, Ala., speaks before the 19th Century Club, of New York, on April 8th.

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THE popular H. Clay Evans, of Tennessee has been appointed Commissioner of Pensions. As a Southern appointment, the President has selected wisely.

HON. M. W. GIBBS, of Arkansas, has been indorsed by his state for the Haytian mission. This is one of the few good plums that is likely to go to colored men.

MR JOSEPH WARD, a graduate of the Indianapolis high school, has just finished a course in medicine at one of the colleges of this city. Dr. Ward is a very young man with splendid opportunities ahead.

> THE Indianapolis Freeman has not put in appearance for some weeks. Let her come forth Knox, as it serves us as well as the associated press could. —Galveston, Tex., Times.

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GOVERNOR BRADLEY is said to be the impediment that prevents the selection of Dr. Hunter as U. S. Senator from Kentucky. This is a serious charge. It is very likely that the Republicans of that state will be divided into hostile camps if one side does not surrender with good grace.

REV CÆSAR A. A. TAYLOR, D. D, publisher of the Forum, of Ocala, Fla, is a candidate for a South African consulship. Dr. Taylor is a man of various talents and a staunch Republican, which of course is a prime necessity. Africa may not be an inviting field of labor, but all can not fill first class places. The doctor shows his wisdom in this regard.

WHETHER Mr. Pelham succeeds or not, he has much in his favor to help him on in the world. It is truly refreshing to note the hearty support given him by the "white" press of his own state and by the people at large. This in itself is often one's capital, and Mr. Pelham certainly has a good stock of it. He is a man of ability and the chances are that he will be an Indian inspector.

Business Association Entertainment.

Meridian, Miss., Special.

The Young Men's Business Association gave a grand entertainment in the basement of New Hope Baptist church on the 25th ult. This association was organized Jan. 4th with three members, now it has a membership of 31. Those who addressed the association were G. E. Logan, Hon. J. C. Hill, President T. C. Collins, W. B. Block, Eugene Johnson, Willie Allin, G. E. Logan, and Mr. Hill. Refreshments were served. The net proceeds were $18.25. Ned Slawter, one of the oldest colored citizens of Meridian, died at his home in the West End on Tuesday, the 23d ult. His funeral was held at the A. M. E. church, Rev. W. H. Coleman, the pastor, officiating. Burial at the Fredmon Ridge cemetery. Mrs. L. H. Turner has been on the sick list for the past few weeks at her home, Mrs. Nancy Moore is improving. Rev. D. G. Griffin, pastor of the Pilgrim Progress Baptist church, left the 29th to assist in a revival meeting. Rev. W. H. Coleman, of the A. M. E. church, went to Bethel on Sunday morning, the 28th ult., to preach at that place. Rev. W. H. Bowens, State Missionary for Mississippi, arrived in the city on the 27th, and while here was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith. He lectured at the New Hope church. T. Murray has been suffering with the rheumatism the past week. Rev. C. L. Harris preached a splendid sermon at the Congregational on Sunday morning last.

Columbus News.

Columbus, O., Special.

Henry Scott has gone to New York. Doc Howell was taken to the hospital. W. Stewart, guard at the Ohio penitentiary is on the sick list. Mrs. W. Roberson of Plain City has moved to Columbus. B. Farrell of Talmadge street, is very low. Luther Union of the Panhandle rail road met with a severe accident. The Charles Sumner Club met and appointed a working committee for Monday work at the polls of their ward. Political intrenchment in our public institutions that have from three to four hundred employees seem to only affect the thirteen or fourteen colored when the ax falls a black head drops in the bucket of political economy.

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acts, can we realize what caricatures will emblazon the pages of such weeklies as Puck, Judge and Uncle Sam, pictured by such artists as Gilliam and De Grimm on the woman in politics, for surely they will not be of the one thinking, and discussions will arise on the qualities and capabilities of the various candidates, and as the fracas grows thick and hot, who can figure what the outcome will be? We can look out for the continuation in the above papers. I believe in woman's development and woman's independence; I am anxious at all times to see them adding lustre to their fair names and the reflecting of dignity and honor on all womankind, but I cannot see it by way of the ballot box.

In conclusion, if women keep on in this mad eagerness to be on equality with man in every form and manner, where shall we ever again find that sweet simplicity in woman of which Josephine of Napoleon fame, Martha Washington of colonial times, or Mrs. Frances Folsom Cleveland of our own times are such grand types? These are but the outspoken thoughts of one mind anent these questions, and I do not pretend to have you believe that I am right, for there is always two sides to every question. These thoughts are no exception to the rule.

We often hear and read a good deal nowadays about the American hog. He has been shown up in his various forms, but of the one that struts about in the ferry houses, puffing and blowing his smoke into the faces of women folk takes the—well—pardon the slang, not the cake—but the whole bakery. Why the ferry companies allow this privilege in their waiting rooms and then have a sign, hung up in the woman's cabin—no smoking on this side of the boat—is a much puzzling problem to one individual at least.

People with children don't have much show nowadays, and I am not speaking of flat-dwellers either, but of traveling. When I was a youngster there was a law in vogue that all children under twelve years of age must pay half fare; now it is to the effect that all children over five and in some instances as low as three years of age are required to pay full fare. This brings to my recollection of reading some time ago in one of the newspapers of a family, by name, Thomas, in Georgia, the man thirty-five and the woman thirty-two, who had been married fifteen years and had thirty-two children. If they lived in New York, I am afraid they would never think of visiting Coney Island that is, if they stopped to figure the cost.

"With malice toward none,
With charity for all."

Is a fitting motto that should be inscribed upon the banner of all journalistic enterprises. In these days of the dawn of the twentieth century of Negro journalism we find most, if not all of the Negro journals weighted down beneath a heavy load of enviousness and petty jealeousies. It is all very well for the Anglo-American journals to be at war with each other—they can stand it and live; but Negro journals have too much to gain and too little to loose by hurling mud at each other; for in the lines of George Eliot—"We can only have the highest happiness by having wide thoughts, and much feeling for the rest of the world, as well as ourselves.

It was a sultry July afternoon, and as usual of mid-week there was very little, if any work being done in the shop and all hands, including the boss barber were doing nothing, unless it was spitting wind, and there was a goodly amount of that loose matter floating around. There had been discussions and debates upon various subjects from poker playing to prize fights and from fights to politics. At last the subject got around to Negro rights. No, said Ike Jackson, the only time that the Negro will ever get his rights, is when he takes up his arms and fights for them. Down in the black belt states where the Negroes outnumbered the whites they ought to shoot down every white man that does anything detrimental to their rights, and then if any of the others talk about lynching why, just start a riot and shoot em all down. Oh, I doan know broke in Zeph Turner I don't believe the Negro will ever get his rights until he buys them; and everyone waited to hear what solution Zeph had to offer, for he had always been looked upou by the hangers on of the shop as a very philosophical sort of a fellow. What we want to do is to buy Congress—yes buy congress. Get a bill framed giving the Negro full and equal rights, send it to Congress accompanied by two millions of dollars intrusted in the hands of a trustworthy committee and I guarantee you sirs the bill will pass without any hitch or trouble. The Negroes seem to find plenty of money to attend receptions and picnics, why shouldn't they spare say just 50 cents or a dollar when it would bring them equal rights. Take just two of the ten millions of the Afro-American population in the United States and you have the amount. Yes money talks gentlemen every time, and Zeph Turner relapsed into silence amidst thunderous applause.

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New Church to be Erected.

Shreveport, La, Special.

Rev. H. B. N. Brown is a man of note. He lives and owns an excellent home in Alexandria, La., and is highly respected. Abraham Washington is doing a successful business at the city green house. Rev. J. B. Bolden arrived in our city last Saturday to witness and assist in the baptizing on the fourth Sunday at the Avenue Baptist church. The Antioch Baptist church has purchased land on one of our principal streets to build a new church. A mock wedding was witnessed at the Cresent City, given by Miss Susie P. Legardy. Prof. J. R. Dawson is having a fine residence built. The B Y. P. U. of the Avenue Baptist church, will render an excellent program Easter Sunday. All are invited to attend. More than fifty Caddo county school teachers closed their schools the 20th, ult., after a session of three months. If our leading citizens don't take some steps toward bettering our school system, the poor country children will suffer on this line Let us wake up.

Shiloh Baptist Church Notes.

Shuqualak, Miss., Special.

Rev. L. S. Lee preached at 11 a. m. to a crowded house. He preached on the Crucifixtion of Christ, he also conducted the communion. The Asbury Sunday school is getting along nicely. Wm. McNeese is teacher of the first bible class, L. A. Gillispe is teacher of the second bible class and the 3rd bible class is taught by L. B. Constatine, B. T. Teer superintendent. H. G. Scott lectured to a crowded house on Friday night. Miss Ella McNeese was invited to preside at the organ at the A. M. E. church. She teaches music.

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The above portrait is an excellent likeness of J. Harry Fiddler, comedian and character impersonator. Mr. Fiddler was for two seasons principal comedian with Al G. Fields' Colored Minstrels. John W. Isham in organizing the superb company presenting "Oriental America" engaged Mr. Fiddler, who took the part of "Li Hung Chang" in the opening burletta, and presenting his specialty in the olio, meeting with much success. He remained with that company until the organizing of Isham's Octoroon, No. 2, to which he was transferred to strengthen the same. Owing to sickness Mr. Fiddler was compelled to cancel his engagement, and is now at his home in Indianapolis, Ind.

Isham's Octoroons sails for Europe April 3.

"Darkest America" are now playing to good business through Ohio.

McCabe & Young's Minstres had fair attendance March 19, at Jacksonville, Fla.

"Darkest America" is booked to appear at a leading Cincinnati (O.,) house soon.

Williams & Walker scored a big success at the Bijou Theatre, Philadelphia, last week.

South Sea Island Joe, and wife Beno, were at the Globe museum, Chicago, last week.

Hodges & Launchmere scored another big success at Proctor's Theatre, New York City, last week.

Prince Mungo, the Zulu glass dancer is finishing a two-weeks engagement at London Dime museum, Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McIntosh, formerly with Isham's Octoroons, have joined the Black Patti Troubadours.

Al. Reeves Big Show, composed of white and colored performers, made their Harlem, N. Y., debut last week to crowded houses.

The Black Patti Troubadours gave a Sunday night concert to good attendance at the Hartford, (Conn.,) Opera House, March 21.

Hyer's Comedy Company are playing to excellent business; they are booked to appear as follows; Celins, O., April 1; Red Key, Ind., 2-3.

The Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra are still playing to good business in the East. They are booked to appear at Gardner, Mass., April 3-4.

There is probably no young songstress of note gaining a more rapid reputation in the musical world than Miss Stella Cannon, who is a student in the College of Music, Indianapolis, Ind. She has a high, clear soprano voice of unsurpassing sweetness. She lead a chorus of 100 voices (white) at a musicale in Cambridge City last summer. Miss Cannon will, in the future, attend the Boston Conservatory of Music, and will probably finish her course in Italy.

The Black Patti Troubadours drew large audiences to the Park Theatre, Brooklyn, N. Y., week of March 22. Black Patti—Mme. Sissieretta Jones—the star of the operatic forces, was given a cordial reception, and was recalled several times. The company is a double one, and the first thing on the program is a musical skit, called "At Jolly Cooney Island," by Bob Cole and Billy Johnson, descriptive vocalist; De Wolf Sisters, vocal duetist; a Spanish Review, arranged by Johnson and Cole; Lloyd Gibbs, tenor solo; Ed. Goggins and Charles Davis, in a sketch. The performance terminates with the "Operatic Kaleidoscope," introducing the Black Patti, soprano; Camille Caselle, contralto; Lloyd G. Gibbs, tenor; C. L. Moore, baritone, and a chorus of thirty trained voices, presenting a number of popular grand and comic opera selections.

Shelbyville News Notes.

Shelbyville, Tenn , Special.

E. L. Peacock, P. W. Patterson, S. Medaris and J. C. McAdams attended the civil service examination last week at Nashville. Prof. McAdams was the guest of Hon. S. A. McElwee while in Nashville. Little Ethel McElwee, age seven, is taking music at Fisk University, and is playing nicely. Mr. McElwee's family is interesting from the youngest to the oldest. We had the pleasure of meeting Miss Mattie Howard formerly of Shelbyville. She is a student of Central Tennessee College, and stands high with teachers and pupils. S. S. Medaris is at home. It is said that Miss C. B. T. is looking better than she has looked for months. The different Sabbath schools held a union review meeting at the M. E. church last Sabbath. Mrs. House of Nashville is a tending the the Turner Institute and is well pleased. She is preparing for the ministry. Mrs. Emma Hutton is making some improvements on her front yard. She has the handsomest home in the West end. Mr. John Myers has gone to Tullahoma to take charge of the school there. Mrs. Rev. J. W. Richmond will visit her mother soon. Miss Mary Burt is not expected to live. Rev. H. E. Harris offered his resignation as pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist church. We are sorry for the church will loose a good pastor. The community will loose an earnest worker. His conduct here has been beyond reproach. Mrs. Caldonia Simpson is out again after a protracted illness. Mrs. Rosa Peacock opened school last week at Bellview. Mr. Charley Davis is frequently seen in the West end. It is thought that the gentleman carries some of Cupids darts in his pocket. Rev. B. A. J. Nixon is marshalling his young converts into active service. A new church is to be his slogan from now until conference. Dr. V. D. Turner has purchased a fine horse.

Social Entertainments.

Keokuk, Ia., Special.

A social was given at the residence of Mrs. F. T. Fields Tuesday the 23rd, owing to the stormy weather many did not put in their appearence. The ladies of the church are very pleasant entertainers. Partake of their hospitalities. Owing to the disagreeable weather the social to be given by the Douglass Lyceum Tuesday 23rd was postponed until March 30th. The choir of Bethel A. M. E. church was reorganized on Thursday March 25th, they have added to the membership. Those who attend Bethel will have a rare treat. There will be an April Fool entertainment given at Bethel church on Thursday April 1st. Mr. Everett Homes is ill with la grippe. Mrs. Virginia Lynch who has been quite ill for some time is improved. Mrs. Shortridge is improving. Miss Jennie Johnson is ill. We learn the very efficiant colored policeman is enjoying the honeymoon; his bride is a young lady of Keokuk. We would advise the colored reporter of the morning paper to shake the dust of our little city from her tiny feet. and seek a city where she is needed.

Notes From the "Windy City."

Chicago, Ill., Special.

At the Young Men's League at Bethel church Judge Gibbon made an address on the "Law and Spirit of the Law." The Civic League is preparing for a grand mass meeting. Miss Anna Hocker is taking a course in music at the Armour institution. The Ninth Battalion will give a grand entertainment in the near future. Hugh Wood will give an entertainment at Shiloh Baptist church April 8th. Mrs. Hester Kinley died March 26th at her residence 2958 Dearborn street. Mrs. Emily Hart of 3024 Dearborn street, is very ill with a cancer. The Pirate of Penzance given at Armour Mission was quite a success. Mrs. J. B. French took the leading soprano with Mr. Harris bass.

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Clarinda News.

Clarinda, Ia., Special.

Rev. Knight is on the sick list, also Mr. Casen and Mr. Andrew Baker. The fair at the A. M. E. church closed Friday night with great success. Mr. John Lewis who died at his son's home in East Clarinda Monday night March 22nd, was buried Wednesday afternoon by the G. A. R.'s of which he was a member. His funeral was preached by Rev. Knight assisted by Rev. Mendenhall at the A. M. E. church. The Second Baptist church and the A. M. E. church will give concerts Easter.

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Glenmore News Notes.

Glenmore, O., Special.

Mr. Wm. Underwood has received his government bounty, also his monthly pay has been increased. Mr. Underwood was accompanied to Van Wert O., on business Monday the 22nd by his sons. Rev. Elish Underwood filled the pulpit of Rev. E. J. Woodard the 28th. He preached a very able sermon. Mrs. C. B. Jones of Lima, O., is visiting her father and mother. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Underwood. Mr. Grant Washington of Dayton, O., is visiting his friends. Mr. Roler died the 27th of March. The association convenes in Van Wert, O., Sept. 1st. A good time is anticipated. For news read The Freeman.

Personal Mention.

Shelby, N. C., Special.

Dr John Wellmon of Fallston was in town last week. Prof. W. D. Wells and wife were the guest of Mr. James T. Wells last week. Rev. D. L. Shadd pastor of Shelby Mission Presbyterian church and Elder J. M. McCurry attended the Catawber Presbytery this week. Mr. Eli Border was in town last week. Mrs. Mary E. Roberts is on the sick list.

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Benefit For Flood Sufferers.

Memphis, Tenn., Specal.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Newborn, a fine girl, mother and daughter doing nicely. Mr. Van House accidentally fell from a ladder and his leg is painful but not seriously injured. Miss M. Jackson of Lexington, Ky.. is the guest of Mrs. J. A. Hook. The Avery Chapel choir gave a concert at the church Monday night for the flood sufferers, which was well attended and receipts were heavy. Report received in this city last week that Lena West came to her death by drowning in the Cumberland river. She was formerly of Memphis and daughter of S. P. West. The colored people from the Arkansas over flow have been moved to the old Olympic grounds and tents erected, and the place has been named camp Congo. Mr. Jennie Whitemore is not dead as reported in last issue. He is again out on the streets. A. J. H. Bass is Freeman agent.

Newsy Notes.

Decatur, Mich., Special.

Frank Bass, of Paw Paw, and Miss Lula Words, of Chicago, Ill., were married this week. Their many friends wish them a long and happy life; they will reside in Paw Paw. Mr. and Mrs. George Evans and Miss Minnie Schaffer called on friends last week. Louis Brown will return to Benton Harbor, the first of the month. Frank Mahoney and Miss Lewis, of Lawton, visited friends in town last week. Rev. Bingle is with the members of the Second Baptist church, where he is holding revival meetings; Rev. Martin, of South Bend, was with them Sunday March 28. Miss Clara Roberts, of Arcadia, Ind., has returned from an extended visit at Benton Harbor. Leck Hamilton and Bert Loehr called on friends in the country last Sunday.

Anniversary Celerated.

Muncie, Ind., Special.

Arrangements are being made to have a grand cake walk in the near future. Miss Cornelia Frazer died March 16th and was buried from the Second Baptist church. The young people of the Second Baptist church are practicing for a cantata which they expect to give after Easter. Quite a crowd gathered at the pleasant home of Mrs. Fletcher on South Madison street, the 17th inst., to assist in celebrating her fifty-fourth birthday anniversary. All reported an enjoyable time. Mrs. Fletcher was the happy recepient of many useful presents. Miss Zoe Hatten who has been confined at the home of her aunt, Mrs. White, with an injured ankle, left last week for her home in Lafayette, Ind. Sunday was rally day at the A. M. E. church. Quite a neat little sum was realized. They will give an entertainment soon. Twenty-six of Muncie's lovers of terpsicore attended a ball at Anderson, given by the brass band of that city. All reported a grand time. Any persons desiring The Freeman can get the same by leaving orders with Renan Robbins, No. 702 East Jackson street. Mrs. R. Nathan, wife of the National House cook, is ill at her home, 1000 E. Jackson street. The cantata at the Second Baptist church is entitled "The Seven Sisters or Pleiades." Mr. Hurt of Indianapolis, arrived in Muncie Friday the 26th and is the guest of Mrs. Kelly of 1112 South Elm street. Rev. Bowman of Indianapolis is in the city and preached at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening March 28th. The thirteenth anniversary of the society Junior Christian Endeavor was celebrated at the Protestant M. E. church on East Jackson street Sunday March 28th at 2:30. An invitation was extended to all junior endeavors in the city. The A. M. E and Baptist junior societies attended in a body. The exercises consisted of praise service and scriptual lessons.

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Interesting Notes.

Hamilton, O., Special.

A very fine quarterly review was given last Sunday at Payne A. M. E. Chapel, by the pastor Rev. Coleman. The church and Sunday school are getting ready for Easter services which promises to be a grand affair. The young ladies' sewing circle met Thursday at the parsonage, a pleasant time was had by all. Rev. Coleman raised $60 last Sunday for to pay expenses on parsonage. Mrs. Johnson is visiting friends of Middletown. The D. of J. held a monthly feast at their hall last Thursday. The literary society met last Friday evening. Wm. Andy and sons, of West Elkton, spent last Saturday here. P. Sampson has been called to the bedside of his father at Jessimo county Kentucky.

The "School History of the Negro Race" is without a doubt the best selling book we ever handled.—Manager Freeman.

Death of a Respected Citizen.

Alton, Ill., Special.

John Pear an aged and respected citizen of Upper Alton, died at his home Saturday morning. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the A. M. E. church, of which he was a member, and was conducted by Rev. Depugh. The deceased was 50 yrs. old leaves eight children and a host of kindred and friends to mourn his loss. Jos. Hutchis while attending the funeral was thrown from a carriage and had his left leg broken just below the hip; he was taken to the hospital where Dr. Haskell attended him. Rev. Muse the ex-pastor of the Union Baptist church spent Sunday in this city and preached two of the most interesting sermons of the season. I. H. Kelly was down from Springfield and spent Sunday at home. Frank Kelly has been on the sick list for the past few days. The long talk of the Lovejoy monument has at last come to test and the work of laying the fine stone is progressing slowly. The members of the literary of the Union Baptist church rendered a programme of choice selections Thursday evening at the church. Mrs. J. Bruce is very sick at this writing. Tom Knight has left for parts unknown. J. W. Payne, agent of the self-pouring tea-pots, is in the city; Mr. Payne is from Danville, Va. Hunter's Republican club meets every Wednesday evening at the U. B. of F's hall, Republicans are invited. Mrs. J. Evans is on the sick list. Subscribe for The Freeman of Homer Joiner, agent.

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The Douglass Memorial.

Millville, Ark., Special.

Sunday March 21st was set apart by the A. M. E. church as the Frederick Douglass Memorial day. The program was of the choisest selections and well rendered. The singing was a rare treat. Several young ladies from Camden spent the day here. They were Misses C. Johnson, Anna Bell Hill, Alice E. Hill, Mary McCollom, Annie J. Arrington.

NINTH PRESBYTERIAN NOTES.

The Rev. Dr. Ballard, pastor of the Memorial Presbyterian church, will preach to-morrow at 4 p. m. There will also be services at 11 a. m.

To-morrow will be rally day at this church, at which time an effort will be made to raise $60 to make a payment on the street improvements. Everbody is invited to come and help us.

The Sunday school is increasing every Sunday in all of its departments. Good music by choir and orchestra. An excellent musical program is being prepared for Easter.

CORINTHIAN CHURCH NOTES.

Last Sunday was a pleasant day with our Sunday school. There were 106 in attendance. The superintendent of Allen Chapel visited our school last Sunday. Collection $23.

The church was well attended last Sunday. There were three additions.

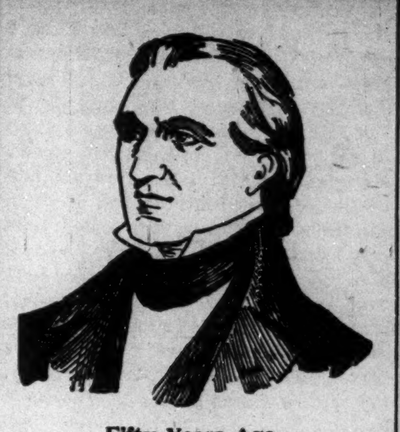
There will be baptising at this church Sunday night at the close of evening service.

Mrs. E. Wisdom sang last Sunday "Lead me Gently Home, Father," and by request she will sing the same selection Sunday morning.

A social was given for the benefit of the church at the residence of Mrs. Anderson Lewis in Talbott avenue last Tuesday evening.

Total collection last Sunday for the church and Sunday school $43.

Communion at 3 p. m. to-morrow.



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This stylish top garment is made of genuine English kersey in Havana brown and lined with a pretty silk. The collar is of velvet in a darker shade stiched bands of cloth with clusters of buttons serve as decoration. The cape of fashionable length is cut circular in shape and has a seam in the centre back. The adjustment is smooth fitting across the shoulders and widening perceptly at the lower edge where it falls in soft underlaying folds. The front overlaps the left and the closing is affected in double breasted fashion with cloak hooks and loops, the diminutive pearl buttons affording an imitation only. The upper edges of the front are reversed to form pretty pointed lapels that are faced with the material and meet the storm collar, that may be rolled back in coat fashion or come close about the neck thus affording protection in extreme cold weather. The mode is adapted to all regulation cloakings such as frieze, broad-cloth, whipcord, melton, kersey and may be made with or without a lining. Price 30 cents. Material required 54 inches wide. For 32 inches bust measure 1 yards, for 36 inches bust measure $1\frac{1}{4}$ yards, for 40 inches bust measure $1\frac{1}{2}$ yards for 42 inches measure $1\frac{3}{4}$ yards.

The pattern No. 114 is cut in sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust measure.

153—CHILD'S NIGHTGOWN.
1, 2, 4, 6 and 8 years.

Comfortable little night gown of white muslin with bands of insertion at the throat and wrists. This little garment is exceedingly simple in construction, being simply shaped by shoulder and under-arm seams. The fullness at the neck is gathered and seamed to the narrow neck band and the closing is effected at the centre back with buttons and buttonholes. The one seamed sleeves are of the Bishop order with the fullness at the top, the bottom is gathered. The wrists are completed by narrow bands that may have an added ruffle of embroidery, if a fanciful effect be desired. The lower narrow edge has a wide hem and the gown is of a goodly length, a feature that should recommend it. Percale, muslin, linen, nainsook are suitable for making. White outing flannel is frequently selected, making exceedingly comfortable and pretty night robes, with feather stitching employed as a finish. Quantity of material 36 in. wide for a child of 4 yrs., $2\frac{1}{4}$ yds. Sizes 2, 4, 6 and 8 years.

105—LADIES' BASQUE.
32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust.

This pretty waist is of mineral blue cloth with slightly rough surfaces. The revers are of velvet in a darker shade edged with black silk passementaries; the neck is finished by a stock of ribbon stylishly bowed at the center back. The full vest is arranged over a fitted lining fronts that close in center front. Material is applied to the reversed and portion of the fronts to roll back in handsome pointed revers. The back may be made plain, showing the usual number of seams, or a seamless back can be lain over the lining backs, smooth fitting across the shoulders with the fullness below, drawn well to the center back in close over-lapping plaits, the pattern providing for both styles of backs. The sleeves fitting closely from the wrist to above the elbow, are met by stylish puffs of modern size. A close standing band completes the neck, concealed by a stock of ribbon. The design is adapted to all manner of weaves and textures, and the decoration may be applied with a sparing or lavish hand.

Quantity of material 44 inches wide. For 32 inches bust measure $2\frac{1}{4}$ yards, for 36 inches bust measure $2\frac{1}{2}$ yards, for 40 inches bust measure $2\frac{3}{4}$ yards, for 42 inches bust measure 3 yards.

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A Noble Work.

From the Omaha Christian Advocate.

There is no one in Omaha or vicinity who has not heard of Mr. N. J. Smith, founder of Rescue Home. He has for a number of years, devoted a large share of his time to the work of rescuing the fallen, furnishing aid to those in distress and helping in every way possible those in trouble. He has been in poor health for several years, but all will be pleased to learn that his health is now much better and he is able to take active charge of the mission work, to which he now devotes his entire time.

On January 1st, 1897, he writes as follows: "I have been troubled for several years with a bad cough. I had lung chills and slight hemorrhage of the lungs and was threatened with consumption. My mother and two sisters have died with consumption, I expected the same fate; but I tried Dr. Kay's Lung Balm, prepared by Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., Omaha, Neb., and two 25c boxes have entirely cured me of my cough and soreness of my lungs. That tired, sleepy and drowsy feeling is all gone and my appetite is now good. I feel well and full of life. I can work night and day and do not feel tired, Praise the Lord for the help it has given me. I write this hoping if any read it who are similarly afflicted and have been unable to get help from any other sources that they will try this excellent remedy, which I believe to be the best cough medicine of which I have any knowledge."

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Flood of '97.

The Ohio River at Cincinnati reached the stage of 61 feet and 4 inches and blocked all the railway lines, except one, and this one was the C. H. & D. Ry. It is known as the "high and dry" lines. During the flood all trains arrived and departed from the depot 5th and Baymiller, Cincinnati, with unfailing regularity.

BRYAN'S PAPER.

The Editor Again Restored to Health

Mr. George W. Hervey, editor of the Weekly Omaha World-Herald, is a perfect picture of health and looks more like the Hervey of other days. To see him now, one can hardly believe that he has been such a great sufferer. He writes of his failing health and recovery, in his characteristic way as follows:

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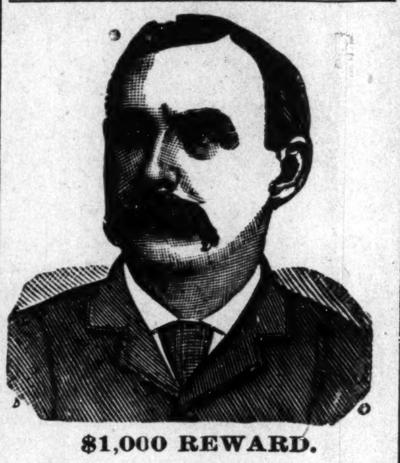

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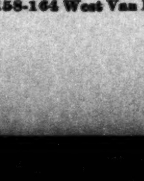

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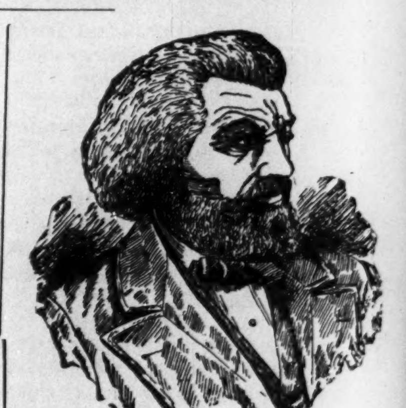

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Woman, we define is a respectable female member of the human race. Perfected, living an honest life, supported by a benefactor or some industry of her own. The former means of support is a rare one with our women of color. The latter is generally a failure from two great reasons: The first thing essential to promote industry is to apply a certain amount of capital to a certain industry; then the fundamental step on the part of woman is to get a capital by honest means as above. To begin with, her parents manage to send her to the public schools. At the age of 18 or 22 years, she is sent home with her diploma. She stands a No. 1 examination. Now she is the comely young woman of her neighborhood. This young woman has great ambition, and is willing to do anything honorable to get the required $200 to start a business of her own. With a good normal training, and having fitted herself as clerk, saleslady, corresponding or recording clerk, teacher of public schools, etc., she starts.

She fills all the requirements as a teacher, and sends in her application. The board or superintendent of schools fail to appoint her, without giving any reason. Second, she applies for each of the above positions as they are advertised in the daily news. Almost invariably she is rejected and a white girl with probably half of the good qualities, has the job in three hours. She of color goes month after month along this line without success. Perhaps her widowed mother contracts her death at the wash tub trying to provide for daughter and self. She takes to her bed; the tub ceases to go; the daughter fails to find employment; rent is due; a written notice; she stops looking for or answering "ads." and attends to home and mother. She starts in the cold streets of a large city to find rooms to shelter mother in her last days. "Good morning, ma'am are those rooms for rent?" "Yes—but—but—we don't rent to colored." Next: "Good morning; rooms for rent?" "Yes, but Oi don't rent to niggers." After trying for three days she returns home to find mother dead to be buried by subscription.

In vain she strived in honest ways,
In vain she strived to rise;
Hosanna languishes on her tongue,
And, alas, devotion dies!

Ten days later we find this same young woman. Perhaps I walk into a questionable place about town. I find seated at the table in the corner, Lizzie ——. She hides her face with the palms of her hands in shame. I approach her. Deck of cards, bottle of wine, cigarettes, seltzer are in front of her. Her company in this downward pursuit absents himself. I begin questioning: "Lizzie, what brings you to this?" "Mr. ——, you know father died when I was young, leaving mother to provide for brother and I; she did the best she could for us in the way of sending us to school. We quit school with credit to ourselves; brother tried long to get a position to help to support mother and I and failed in every instance; he took to drink, and filled a drunkard's grave. I tried for 18 months to get a position to get means to open a little industry as an honest means of support for mother and I, but failed in every instance. In the meantime mother died, and I had not the means to bury her. A last I tried to get a job in one of the laundries and failed; I gave up all hope, and now the only relief for me is death."

Now young men and old men, come with us. Make yourselves positions of political patronage, and benefactors for your sisters and daughters. When we are able to demand our political rights, our daughters and sisters will be respected likewise. How many read and resolve it good? What we want is to do, and compare the results with the earnestness of the resolution. One thing at the time in one place and we will accomplish more. Don't set up a millinery shop in one corner of a slaughter pen; don't seek social equality and municipal recognition at the same time. The President's letter of acceptance says "open the factories to the working man and the mints will open themselves." The Negro makes the difference in the popular vote and causes His Honor's election. Now he invited you to the ballot box, but does he see that you get a job in the factory when it is opened? The white Republican says he loved me so that he bled and died to secure my freedom. Now he is willing to die and bleed to keep me from making an honest living. Oh, wretched men we be! Who shall deliver us from the stigma of oppression. In good faith for justice due my race,

I am respectfully,

WM C. CALLOWAY,

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The Negro Should Help Himself.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Since I have recently become a subscriber to The Freeman, I earnestly request that you allow me space in your columns in which to speak in praise of your worthy and hustling representative, Mr. Grant S. Neal, who visited our town a few weeks ago and secured a great many subscribers. I only regret that we have not more of such men to introduce the work of our national leaders throughout this continent. Since Wm. McKinley has been elected to the office of the Presidency, and there is much good hoped and looked for of him, may we not sit down and expect him to do what we should do, but bear our part of the nation's burden. Since we have come so far through the perils and disasters of the South, where free speech has been abridged, and rights have never been known to exist; I feel it my duty to say something along this line that may be a hindrance to the progress of such. As we are inclined to believe that our heads at the present day are about to be raised above the sweeping waves that have been for many years sweeping the civil right of the law from under us, that was laid down as a corner stone on which the nation was to rest, let us not continue in the stage of our fore parents, who had not the privilege that we now enjoy. Let the educational ties that bind the two races together to a certain extent, unfurl the loop of prejudice that has so long existed between us.

ISOM ANDERSON.

Port Gibson, Miss.

THE SNOBBERY OF EDUCATION

The College Girl who Affects an Air of Superiority.

Editorially, in the April Ladies' Home Journal, Edward W. Bok expresses himself vigorously in depreciation of the tendency to introduce a dangerous element of snobbery into education. He notes the pervading "I know so much" air that is encountered on all sides, and the feeling that a line is being drawn on a so-called educational basis. Mr. Bok contends that "an educational process which sharpens and polishes only a girl's intellect, and either deadens or neglects her heart or soul, is a sorry imitation of what an education really stands for and is. * * The practice followed by some girls who have been at college of holding their heads above those who have not is a foolish proceeding, and smacks of the most repulsive kind of snobbery. It is never safe for us to assume that we know more than the people around us, whether we are college-trained or not. The longer we live in this world the more we become convinced how little we know. The people most humble in their opinions are generally the best educated. It is an art which only a few of us learn: to be reticient of our own opinion when every one around us is expressing his. Yet this is one of the attributes of the well educated. Silence often speaks louder than speech. But the girl fresh from her books and college does not always perceive this. She is apt to assume, for example, that people are uneducated if now and again they speak ungrammatically. But she does not know that the most vital truths ever spoken or written, the truths which have done mankind the greatest good, have not always been those which would have borne grammatical dissection.

Their good lay in what was said, rather than in the way in which the sentences were constructed. It is when we are young that we believe that all that is worth knowing is printed in books. When we are older we find that the deepest truths are never written. It is well enough for a girl to hold up for herself a standard in grammar or anything else. But she is unwise when she believes that her standard is the one by which she must judge and measure others. She has no right to do so in the first place. And in the second, she is far more apt to be wrong in her deductions than she is to be correct."

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God's grace will free from every sin,
Where right and justice together blend.

Come, ye resolute, firm and true,
Don't cry too soon, or accomplish we can't;
The latter to Webster, was a farce or han t,
We fail alone, from mental restraint.

Come as brave mortals. Strive to be men.
Prove to the world that title we will win;
Take God as our council, combine in the land;
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Normal, Ala., March 25, 1897.

America's Negro Poet.

The literary spectacle which is to be made in London of Paul Laurence Dunbar, the young Negro poet, has recalled the fact that Dunbar is by no means the first of his race to evince a poetical gift, although Critic William Dean Howells is probably correct in praising him as the most gifted of the few Afro-American disciples of Apollo. American history records, too, the thanks which George Washington bestowed upon Phillis Wheatley, a female bard of c lor who sang his praises. Other Afro-American poets are to be found in Alberry A. Whitman, a clergyman of Texas, and Professor Daniel Webster Davis, of Richmond. Dunbar is, however, the best of them all; but he is only a second-rate minor bard at his best.

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Rev. E. B. Martin has been conducting revival meetings at Prospect Street Baptist church.

Misfit garments altered by Peter Schacher, the Tailor, 7 Indiana avenue.

Misses Sara Dickerson, Aleana Smitherman, and Wm. Lewis will sing solos at Walter's Chapel Lyceum next Thursday evening.

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There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alpha Home Thursday April 8 at Second Baptist church.

In the selection of your wall paper, patronize Chas. H. Parker, 137 Massachusetts avenue.

The Indianapolis Literary will hold its regular meeting in the Ninth Presbyterian church Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

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Seven lectures of ten minutes each will be the feature of interest at Walker's Chapel Lyceum next Thursday evening. The following named gentlemen will appear on the program: Dr. H. W. Furniss, "A plea for better race co-operation;" J. Milton Benson, "The influence of the Sunday school;" Hon. G. L. Jones, "The colored man an American citizen;" W. Allison Sweeney "Niggers, black and white;" Rev. R. D. Leonard, "Intemperance;" Jas. Williams, "The essentials of a noble life;" Hon. G. L. Knox, "Put yourself into position to get the good things of life."

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PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Sundayed in Chicago, Henderson Skinner.

Returned from New York, Jack Shepperd.

Chas. Moss of Peru spent a day in the city last week.

A. L. Burley is visiting relatives in Lexington, Ky.

Miss E. Edwards is spending the week in Edinburgh.

Mrs. Mattie Jordan is visiting her parents in Covington, Ky.

Messrs. Oran and Eugene Goens spent Sunday in Anderson the guest of friends.

Clarence Dunlap spent several days this week the guest of his parents in Peru.

Mrs. E. E Proctor and son Walter, spent last week with friends in Columbus and Seymour.

J. Q. Cannon of Cambridge City, was a guest of his daughter, Miss Stella, in Senate avenue Sunday.

Mrs. Florence Smith of Charlestown, is in the city the guest of Mrs. Ora King, North Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Taylor entertained a few friends at their cosy residence, 255 North West street Monday evening.

Misses V. Whitsett and E. Edwards gave a musical dialogue at their residence, 679 North Senate avenue Friday evening, March 26.

Miss Effie Young, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Young, was married last week to John Thomas, Rev. F. Byrd officiating.

Mrs. S. L. Jackson of Princeton, who has been the guest of Mrs. Nathan Hill in Yandes street this week, leaves today for her home, accompanied by her son, Algernon B. Jackson who was a student at the Medical college.

The Sexta Feira Club met at the residence of Mrs. Emma Johnson, in Stoughton street. Quotations and discussions on Longfellow were the topics of the evening. Luncheon was served by the hostess. Mrs. S. Nunn, president; Miss S. Dudley, secretary.

The Golden Rod Club met at the residence of Mrs. A. Duvall the 19th. The club was highly entertained by a paper which was read by Mrs. H. H. Thompson, subject, "The Home." The discussion was led by Mrs. R. D. Leonard. Friday evening the club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Givens, 107 Shelby street.

The Bouquet Circle of the Second Baptist church, was entertained by Mrs. Franklin in Martindale avenue Friday afternoon. Topic for discussion "Important current events." The hostess served an elegant luncheon. Next Friday afternoon Mrs. Bartley Ellis will entertain the club at her home in Martindale avenue.

The Friday Afternoon Golden Rule Social Club, which numbers twenty-five members, will meet next week with Mrs. Lewellyn, 41 Peru avenue. A paper will be read by Mrs. Mary E. Beck, subject, "Woman's Opportunities," and humorous readings will be given by Miss Jackson and D. Paine. Mrs. Anna Quinn, president; Mrs. G. Guthrie, secretary.

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The Beautiful Cantata, "Genevieve,"

Will be given at Bethel church, April 13 by the "Musicale," an organization under the direction of Mrs. Roxie H. Bell. The proceeds of the entertainment will be given to the Alpha Home Association. The Musicale will be assisted by Mr. Fred Anderson of Chicago, tenor; Prof. R. Byron Shelton, pianist, and Martin's orchestra. Don't forget the date, Tuesday, April 13, at Bethel church. The following are members of the organization: Duretta Dixon, Fannie Caldwell, Sadie Skinner, Ella Williams, Della Duncan. Lulu Creels, Bertie Creels, Ada Starks, Ethel Nance, Rhoda Nance, Lizzie Caldwell, Isaac Devine, Frank Rice, Richard Jackson, Frank Brown, Harry Green, Brutus McWilliams, Willie Holt, Maple Churchill, Davie Primus, Floyd Eubanks, Allie Morton, Alex Brown.

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"A precious one from us is gone,
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A place is vacant in our church,
Which never can be filled."

How strange it will always seem that grim death should snatch away the excellent of earth, yet it is none the less true that the most generous, holy, devoted and the most earnest workers should betaken first.

Such indeed was Mrs. Harriet Willis, our dear sister who was so suddenly hurried from our midst Sunday March 21, 1897. She was an efficient laborer in every department of church work. No one more willingly sacrificed time, labor, money for the cause of Christ and upbuilding of her church. No one member of the large congregation of Second Baptist raised as much money for the church as she did. The prayer-meeting, which some so woefully slight, was regularly attended by her and she was ever ready to pray too and say a word for the Blessed Master. She was a true sister, friend and neighbor. Her life was a model. In departing she has left:

"Footprints that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er lifes solemn main,
A forlorn or shipwrecked brother,
Seeing may take heart again."

"SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING

"On last Thanksgiving Day the president of the Alpha Home was asked by a white man why she came to his race for donations, since it was the Negro race to be benefitted?" These few words seems to have set the colored people both to thinking and working for this worthy institution. The program committee couched the foregoing statement in an advertisement, and ended by adding: "Let us show a disposition to help ourselves and others will help us." And we will add that this is an excellent way in which to solve the race problem.

Probably there has never been more interest manifested in its history than in the coming election of the presidency for a certain club. The boys are working hard for their favorite, and are confident they will win if the "clique" don't run in a "dark horse."

Beautiful Easter will soon burst forth upon us. We hail this blessed day and its true significance. The Negroes, generally speaking, are too prone to look upon this sacred day as one set apart for the display of elegant clothes.

Speaking of elegant clothes, we will add that the brilliant colors now so much in vogue are very "trying" to the complexion of the average Afro-American belle. Too often the comely form and handsome features of colored girls are marred by their inability to select suitable materials and colors for their wardrobe.

It is rumored that a caucus was held last Sunday afternoon, and passed resolutions.

The church at large suffers considerably through the hypocrisy of a number of its saintly communicants.

JONES' TABERNACLE NOTES.

Class last Thursday night was well attended. Class No. 7 is in the lead. Collection good.

A number of visitors worshipped with us Sunday.

Rev. G. B. Lynch preached for us Sunday evening.

The entertainment given by the educational committee was a success.

Our Christain Endeavor had their first consecration meeting Sunday.

Mrs. Jennie Mitchell of Superior street is on the sick list.

ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Dr. Williams joined the church last Sunday.

Wade Hill is on the sick list.

Rev. J. Bass was in city last week the guest of Rev. Murray.

The choir is rendering some excellent music. Mrs. Patsy Dean is a member of the choir.

The converts reception was in every respect a grand success. Addresses were made by Rev's D. A. Graham, H. H. Thompson, L. M. Hagood and G. L. Knox. Solos by Prof. R. Shelton, Mrs. Cornelia Jones, Miss May Jackson, and Mrs. Minnie Kellar. Recitation Miss Golden Jones. Duett Mr. Charles Green and wife.

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IRVINGTON ITEMS.

Our Sunday school is in a prosperous condition.

Mrs. Harrison Highbaugh is suffering from a stroke of paralysis.

Hon. J. T. V. Hill of Indianapolis, visited our literary society and made an eloquent address.

The social event of the season was the reception given by the Booker T. Washington literary society at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boyd on Vurgess avenue. The host and hostess were assisted by Miss Julia Martin and Irvin Banks. A short and interesting program was prepared for the evening which was rendered as follows: Invocation, C. Highbaugh; paper, "The origin and object of the society," B. Highbaugh; address, Wm. Woods; recitation, "Curfew shall not ring to night," Mrs. Edward Young; duet, Miss Lizzie Martin and B. H. Colley; paper, "Achievements of the Negro," Irvin Banks. The informal exercises consisted of responses by the visitors among whom were Miss T. M. C. Rowe made a short but pointed address; Miss Eva Brock read an original poem entitled "Boys, stay single;" E. Roberts favored the society with an oration, after which refreshments were served.

WOMAN'S WORLD.

Girls, mark my words; and know, for men of sense,
Your strongest charms are native innocence.
Shun all deceiving arts; the hearts that's gained
By craft alone, can ne'er be long retained.
Arts on the mind, like paint upon your face,
Fright him that's worth your love from your embrace.
In simple manners all the secret lies,
Be kind and virtuous, you'll be blest and wise.
—Benjamin Franklin.

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For hiccoughs drink half a glass of water containing one tablespoonful of vinegar and a teaspoonful of salt.

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A very trustful woman belives in her lover's fidelity with her heart; a very vain woman believes in it with her head.

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It is a mighty good thing to be frank in this world, to be honest with ones-self and with the people. They like it, and respect a woman more for it.

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Because a woman engages in different meetings and the work of societies gotten together in the interest of the advancement of the public weal, or more particularly of woman, is no excuse whatever for her to neglect her children. A woman who neglects her babe for the public will find in the future the great mistake she has made, and that her work has been to no purpose.

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Another very smart accessory for a shirt-waist and one that is bound to take very well is a stock covered smoothly that fastens in the back. From this come two soft ends, which are brought to the front and tied in a four-in-hand, the soft ends being allowed to hang. The price put on this is $1.25, but the same thing could be said of this as the foregoing—it is easily copied.

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